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Proposed No.: 2004-0518

1 **STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2004-0518, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, beginning on line 14, strike everything through page 8, line 139, and insert:

3 "WHEREAS, homelessness is widely recognized as a growing problem in King  
4 County and elsewhere in the nation, and

5 WHEREAS, more than eight thousand King County residents are estimated to be  
6 homeless on any given night, and

7 WHEREAS, forty-seven people without homes died out of doors or in emergency  
8 rooms in the first seven months of 2004, and

9 WHEREAS, King County finds it unacceptable that people are dying on the  
10 streets of our communities because there are insufficient safe alternative locations, and

11 WHEREAS, the Seattle Housing and Resource Effort ("SHARE") and the  
12 Women's Housing, Equality and Enhancement League ("WHEEL") are nonprofit  
13 organizations that advocate and provide services for homeless persons, and

14 WHEREAS, SHARE/WHEEL has established Tent City 4 in King County to  
15 provide a temporary, safe community for homeless persons, and

WHEREAS, Tent City 4 is self-governing, complies with all health, fire and public safety regulations, and the residents live by a strict code of conduct providing a drug-free, alcohol-free and respectful environment, and

WHEREAS, SHARE/WHEEL has successfully worked with churches and nonprofit groups to provide support services and assistance to residents of Tent City 4, and the site moves every ninety days, and

WHEREAS, SHARE/WHEEL is seeking sites for Tent City 4 on land under county land use jurisdiction or owned by the county, and

WHEREAS, other organizations besides SHARE/WHEEL may also seek sites for temporary homeless encampments on land under county jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, there are no King County policies regarding the siting and permitting of temporary homeless encampments on property under county jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the citizens' advisory commission on homeless encampments ("CACHE") was established by the metropolitan King County council in June 2004 to study the issues of temporary emergency encampments, including whether there is a need for homeless encampments, whether these encampments shall be sited on public or private land, or both, and identifying procedural guidelines for siting and permitting future temporary homeless encampments, and

WHEREAS, the final report of the CACHE found that temporary emergency homeless encampments are not a real solution to homelessness but rather a currently necessary expedient due to lack of attention to affordable, permanent housing and the treatment and support services vulnerable people need to access and succeed in that housing, and

39 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to provide policy direction as to the terms and  
40 conditions for the use of private or public lands under county jurisdiction for purposes of  
41 hosting a temporary emergency homeless encampment, and

42 WHEREAS, temporary emergency homeless encampments serve as an interim  
43 survival mechanism while King County continues its important work as a member of the  
44 regional Committee to End Homelessness in King County seeking permanent housing  
45 alternatives and supportive services, and

46 WHEREAS, the Committee to End Homelessness will announce its final plan and  
47 recommendations in early 2005, and

48 WHEREAS, King County government has been selected by the Committee to  
49 End Homelessness to serve as the regional coordinator of the implementation of the  
50 countywide ten-year plan to end homelessness in King County;

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

52 A. The King County Policies and Procedures for Siting and Permitting  
53 Emergency Temporary Homeless Encampments, Attachment A to this motion, are  
54 adopted;

55 B. Any permits or agreements allowing the use of land under county jurisdiction  
56 for emergency temporary homeless encampments shall adhere to the terms and  
57 conditions in Attachment A to this motion;

58 C. A one year moratorium on the use of county-owned land for emergency  
59 temporary homeless encampments is declared commencing on the date of adoption of  
60 this motion.

61 D. During the one year moratorium period, the county executive is directed to  
62 develop a detailed implementation plan to significantly increase, within three years, the  
63 placement and success of homeless persons in transitional and permanent housing options  
64 as part of the county's role in implementing the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in  
65 King County; and

66 E. In implementing the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, the county  
67 executive is further directed to:

- 68 1. Actively work to eliminate the need for emergency temporary homeless  
69 encampments;
- 70 2. Work with cities and community and faith-based organizations to develop  
71 regional collaborations that solve problems of homelessness by developing  
72 long term solutions as well as attending to immediate needs; and
- 73 3. Give highest priority to increasing access to permanent housing and the  
74 integrated, treatment and support services necessary for vulnerable  
75 populations to achieve success; and
- 76 4. Work with the City of Seattle and providers to fully implement the Safe  
77 Harbors Homeless Services Information System as quickly as possible;  
78 and
- 79 5. In the interim, help facilitate an organized schedule for rotation of  
80 emergency temporary encampments, as needed, to provide sufficient time  
81 for community notification and education and completion of permitting  
82 requirements before each relocation."

- 84 Delete Attachment A, King County Policies and Procedures for Siting Emergency
- 85 Temporary Homeless Encampments and replace it with Attachment A, King County
- 86 Policies and Procedures for Siting and Permitting Emergency Temporary Homeless
- 87 Encampments, dated 2/3/05